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In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/212,367

Filed : December 15, 1998

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATED  
REPROCESSING OF TISSUE SAMPLES

Group Art Unit: 1623

Examiner: R. Gitomer

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above-identified patent application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO 1449, copies of three cited references, and Return Receipt Postcard.

2. With respect to additional fees:

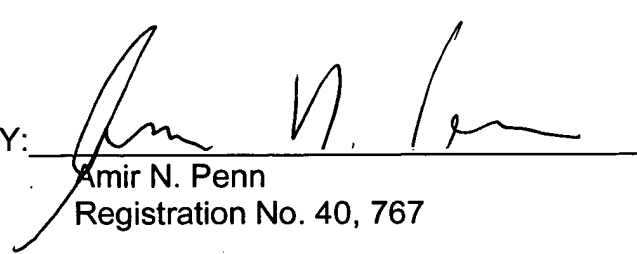
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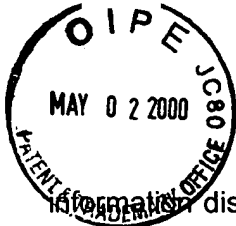
**SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure provided by 37 §§ C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.97, the applicant wishes to make the references listed in the enclosed PTO-1449 form of record in the above-identified application.

It is requested that the references be given careful consideration and that they be cited of record in the present application so that they will appear on the face of the patent issuing from the present application. Return of the an initialed PTO-1449 indicating the Examiner's consideration of the references is requested.

In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the references may be material to the examination of the pending claims. However, the references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative importance of any portion of the references. This supplemental statement is not a representation that the cited references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. sections 102 or 103. This supplemental

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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)**

The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information cited in the present Information Disclosure Statement was cited in an International Search Report from the International Searching Authority in a counterpart international application no more than three months prior to the filing of the present Information Disclosure Statement.

**CITED REFERENCES**

**U.S. Patent Documents**

| <u>Document Number</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Name</u>   | <u>Class</u> | <u>Filing Date If appropriate</u> |
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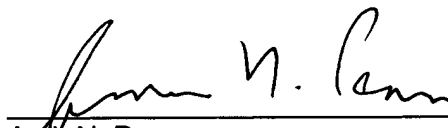
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